(b) if so, what remedial action and fresh initiatives are likely to be taken in this regard; and

(c) by when BHEL will be in a position to stop foreign collaborations at least for the products which it has been manufacturing for quite some time?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) R & D effort in BHEL has resulted in successful commercial development of a number of products/systems. BHEL is not going in for repeated collaborations for the same product acquisition of latest technology in certain cases is required to match the technology levels of its competitors within and outside the country as also to meet the market preferences.

(b) and (c) BHEL has set up an Engineering Committee and Technology Policy Committee which regularly review the R&D and engineering capabilities of the organisation and lay down policy guidelines for continuous improvement.

Letters of intent sought from Madhya Pradesh

86. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many "Letters of Intent" were sought during the last three years, year-wise, from the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) how many of them were in the public, private and joint sectors; and

(c) how many of these have been granted so far, sectorwise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The information will be laid on the Table of the House.

Criteria for declaring 'No Industry Districts'

87. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria for declaring a district as a 'No Industry District';

(b) what are the names of the 'No Industry Districts' in the country at present;

(c) whether Government propose to have a policy of having 'No Industry Talukas'; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Districts having no large or medium scale industries, as per District Industries Centre's Action Plans 1979-80, have been declared as 'No Industry Districts'. Names of 'No Industry Districts' are given in the Booklet on "Incentives for Industries in Backward Areas" (corrected upto 20th October, 1986) copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) and (d) Government have undertaken a detailed review of the Central Incentive Schemes for industrialisation of backward areas.

Pending cases in Courts

88. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases are pending in the Supreme Court and different